

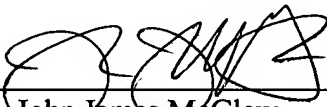
REMARKS

Claims 1 through 12 are in this application and are presented for consideration. Claims 1 through 8 have been amended and new claims 9 through 12 have been added. Multiple dependencies have been removed.

The claims have been amended in order to place this application in better form. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted  
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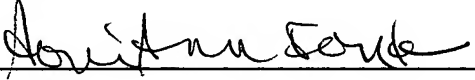
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, NO.: EV436439038US

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